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MR. ARGENIO: Mark, I would like you to give us some thoughts on this discussion thing with Covington. There's been some meetings and some discussions and if you could, I am aware of most of it, if you could bring my contemporaries up to speed on that, I'd appreciate it.

MR. EDSALL: The Covington application is getting to the point where they're trying to finalize all the outstanding issues.

MR. ARGENIO: You guys familiar with that?

MR. EDSALL: Covington being--

MR. ARGENIO: The one you're worried about them putting 77 wells on that, if you're at the Cantonment going towards Five Corners, it comes up on your left, it was very early in this board when we got to go back in February I think we made them come in and give us some more elevations. Right? Go ahead, Mark.

MR. EDSALL: There was some concern about historical aspect because it's down the road from the Cantonment and the historical corridor so there was interest on the planning board to reserve by an offer of dedication that wouldn't really be accepted at this point but could be exercised down the road quite a number of years that a 50 foot strip through the site so that there would be the potential for a cross-connection into Vails Gate Heights.

MR. ARGENIO: That potential cross connection would cross the railroad tracks and come into the back of the apartments and come down the Vails Gate School.

MR. MINUTA: We want to do this why?

MR. EDSALL: Well, it was coming to the point where it had to come to closure as to exactly which direction and there were conflicting opinions and there was a meeting asked for and held with the Town Supervisor to get a flavor from the new Supervisor is this a project that he would endorse and look to spend town money on at sometime in the future to carry through. And one of the basic concerns is number one, physically, can you do it cause it's about a 12 or 14 foot elevation difference as you cross the railroad tracks and secondly, the old saying of be careful what you ask for, you may get it is it makes sense to introduce through traffic in front of a school, the Vails Gate School. So after a lot of discussion and another issue the Supervisor brought up is that they have been having problems where there's an offer made that down the road when the road falls into disrepair everyone comes to the Town Board and says well now we want you to take it and they beat up the Town Board to take the road. Now it's at a point where they really didn't want it. So the conclusion was that we got direction on is to come back to the planning board and say that they want to take a reverse, they want to deed restrict the 50 foot strip so there's no way they can ever develop it, can't build structures, they can't do anything with it, so it would stay free and clear and 30 years from now if the town cares to come in and take it by eminent domain so be it but the town doesn't want an offer of dedication for that strip.

MR. SCHEIBLE: That whole concept was brought before the board back, it's got to be 20 years ago back when I was on before if you remember Mike and Mark remember that whole thing and it was shot down at that time.

MR. EDSALL: If the Vails Gate School wasn't there.

MR. SCHEIBLE: Right, the whole thing was the Vails